Whereas, as the 2006-2007 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Gasconade County R-I School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on June 30, 2007, with the retirement of Kathleen E. Ham who has devoted several years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

**Whereas**, Kathleen Ham has worked for thirty-one years at Gasconade County R-I, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Kathleen Ham taught fifth grade, sixth grade, and remedial math prior to assuming her responsibilities as Curriculum Director; and

**Whereas**, a recipient of the Missouri Scholars Academy Teacher Appreciation award, Kathleen Ham has watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

**Whereas**, Kathleen Ham has supported her profession as a member of the Missouri State Teachers Association, the American Federation of Teachers, the National Education Association, and the Gasconade County Teachers Association; and

Whereas, Kathleen Ham has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Raymond Ham; and two children, Jessica and Spencer:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Gasconade County R-I School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Kathleen Ham has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Kathleen E. Ham, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Tom Loehner District No. 112

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3277, adopted May 8, 2007.